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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: L. Nguyen
MASAKI OIKAWA	)	
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Commissioner for Patents

**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Introductory Comments

Prior to examination on the merits, the Examiner is requested to amend the above-identified application as follows.